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To Whom it May Concern,

I am very pleased that the Department of Justice has finally found that Microsoft is the "800 pound gorilla" that bullies the pc industry.

I am not certain of the monetary loss that will be incurred by Microsoft in this ruling but as an Apple Macintosh user that uses Microsoft software daily, I can verify that the actions that Microsoft has taken against Apple, Netscape, Sun, and other OEMs have been ignored far too long. I was concerned that Microsoft's first proposal by Microsoft (of providing public schools with Windows / Intel-based pcs and Microsoft software) would be a direct infringement on non-Microsoft manufacturers and software developers. It pleases me to know that this proposal was declined.

Microsoft is solely responsible for slow development of software and hardware by third party vendors because of Microsoft's monopoly in the operating system market and anti-competitive practices. The entire personal computer industry as well as the end-user suffer as a result of Microsoft's actions. Microsoft should be punished accordingly.

Microsoft should pay Netscape and other such vendors and manufacturers a substantial amount for their anti-competitive practices against them.

-Chris Mitchell